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1. In early March 200 telephones were ordered by Chinese Communists in Shanghai from a firm in the American Zone, Germany.

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3. In mid-March CH'EN Man,\* important Communist representative in Macao, was instructed by the South China Sub-Bureau to purchase medicines to stop bleeding and relieve pain, including morphine. The medicines will be sent to the mainland for wounded Communist soldiers. On 13 March CH'EN purchased 30 pounds of morphine for HK \$30,000, and smuggled it into Macao. The Nan Kuang Company will smuggle this morphine from Macao to the Canton area.

4. In mid-March HO Hsien,\*\* chairman of the Board of Directors of the Chamber of Commerce in Macao, purchased from Hong Kong 10,000 bags of cement which were sent on the KUANG FU LING (廣福隆) to Macao on 17 March. The cement is stored in the Nan Kuang Company and the Tai Ping (太平) warehouse. On 18 March these bags and 5,000 more bags of cement were sent to Canton via Shihch'i (113-22, 22-30).

5. In mid-March the Nan Hsin Company\*\*\* purchased 7,500 truck tires from the Shang Hsing (尚興) Company on Gilman Street, Hong Kong. They paid HK \$720 for each set of tires and sent them to Canton on the Canton-Kowloon Railroad. In mid-March the Nan Hsin Company ordered 1,200 truck tires from India through the Pi Li Ya (比利亞) (?Blair) Company on the third floor of the Holland House, Hong Kong. The price of each set was HK \$640.

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6. CH'EN Liang-shan (陳良善) and CH'EN Yung (陳庸) purchased through the Wei Kang (偉剛) Company, Des Voeux Road, Central, Hong Kong, four 6 X 6 trucks and 450 sets of tires from India. On 16 March the trucks and tires arrived in Hong Kong on the I SHENG (益盛) of the Jardine Matheson Company. On 17 March the shipment was sent to Canton with the assistance of the Hong Kong Seamen's Association. CH'EN Liang-shan is the comprador of the I SHENG and operates the Wei Kang Company. CH'EN Yung is a comprador of Jardine Matheson.

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